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SITUATION ON WARNING WITH REGARD TO OFF SHORE ISLANDS

Matsu

1. Sufficient CHICOM troops are on the mainland for an invasion of Matsu islands.
2. Sufficient shipping is in the adjacent harbors at most time so that a build-up would not necessarily be apparent.

Therefore, the period during which warning might become evident would be during the time needed to load the ships and get them on the way to the Matsus.

Chinmen

1. Insufficient troops are available at present, according to G-2 estimates, for an attack on the big Chinmen, but not the smaller islands. To move in the necessary additional troops would probably require two days, and there can be no certainty that we would be able to detect this movement.

2. Shipping situation is same as for Matsu.

THEREFORE, attacks could be made on both groups with little or no warning.

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